

Meeting Notes
Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation
Washington State Department of Transportation
Friday February 12, 2010
10:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Olympia, WA

In Attendance:

Clint McCarthy; Lynn Moody; Allan Jones; Madelyn Carlson; Barbara Sainitzer; Lynne Griffith; Page Scott; Don Chartock; Katy Taylor; John Lee; Michael Howell; Michael Rogers; Doug Porter

Council Business

Welcome and Introductions

Katy Taylor, Chair

Katy called the meeting to order and provided a safety briefing. She welcomed everyone and led introductions.

Membership Update

Ryan Warner

Clint McCarthy has been appointed to represent the Governor's Office. Lynn Griffith has been appointed to represent the Washington State Transit Association. Marilyn Mason-Plunkett completed her two terms, and will be replaced by Madelyn Carlson as the CTA-NW representative. Marilyn was vice-chair, so the council will pick a new Vice Chair at the June meeting.

Approve October Meeting Notes

Katy Taylor, Chair

Katy asked for comments regarding the approval of the December meeting notes; Page Scott moved to approve meeting notes; Michael Howell seconded; approved.

Budget and Work Plan

Don Chartock

A solicitation notice for a consultant to facilitate the Federal Opportunities Workgroup has been published. Don noted that he has been receiving requests for information about the solicitations' scope, and will post more information to the ACCT website. The solicitation deadline is March 3rd.

Human Service Transportation Plans are required to be completed by September so grant applicants can apply. Technical Assistance funds are shown as placeholder.

Work Plan Elements

Veterans Transportation:

John Lee

John conducted a meeting in December with several veterans' representatives including, including representatives from the Federal VA. The group decided to focus on transportation options on the Olympic Peninsula as a place to begin to improvements for veterans' transportation. It was agreed when discussing the Peninsula, that Pierce County needs to be a part of the conversation. Lynne Griffith said Pierce Transit would help with planning and also wants to check with Kitsap Transit. Lynne requested pulling in WSTA (Geri Beardsley) to assist as well.

Katy expressed how excited she is to have a veteran's representative on the Council. WSDOT and members of ACCT will provide assistance with planning. This is an opportunity for veterans to partner with transit and complement the services that each provide.

ACCT Report Update

Ryan Warner

We have completed a draft of the current ACCT report. We have a couple of more pieces to add into the report. For cost saving reasons this report will only be available electronically. A lot of staff input has contributed to the creation of this report. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan.

Local Coordinating Efforts

Marge Tully

The pilot project was implemented on February 1. Through the adult day health express project, all clients of this adult day health center are eligible for transportation services. Local Motion was selected as the provider for the pilot project blending a number of funding sources. Performance measures are in place. The drivers are gathering daily information on their logs to track how many passengers, number of trips, etc.

Don reported this is a first step, not the end step. All of these folks and the brokers have been very helpful to push these things forward. We want to keep the discussions open to think about the pilot program sustainable to keep, some things remain to be seen.

Katy expressed that we should consider the users perspective. This is a way to test one model, but it does not mean it is the only model.

Adult Day Health Transportation Issue

Park Woodworth

Park Woodworth with King County Metro provided background information. January 4 and 5 were difficult days for Metro with not enough drivers, vehicles, etc. to handle the requests for rides. After scrambling around, finding vehicles, drivers they figured out how to make it work. Adult day health programs provided KC Metro with \$15 per day of the actual cost of \$38 per day. Metro is interested in coordination to get the most use of the rides and vehicles. The federal Medicaid program should be billed for eligible rides, under ADA service and Medicaid.

Katy asked if all transit systems are having the same issue. Don said it is primarily the urban areas that have adult day health.

Doug Porter reported DSHS improper payments are being audited due to an Executive Order that was just signed by President Obama.

Leg Session Update

Madelyn Carlson (CTA NW) provided a handout on the legislative priorities of CTA-NW. They are tracking cuts to the general fund budget that will impact special needs transportation. There was discussion as to whether the Council could support the CTA-NW position seeking to prevent cuts that would impact transportation. It was later determined that because the budget is a specific bill, the Council could not take a position. Instead, the CTA-NW handout was posted on the website as a position of CTA-NW.

CTA NW was also tracking the following bills:

- Cell phones while driving (6345)
- Public disclosure of transit camera data (6431)
- private operators to access publicly funded transit facilities (6570)
- Increased fines for parking in spaces reserved for people with disabilities (5902)

Paul Meury (Medicaid Brokerage Service) brought up 6649 for drivers' abstract records, which attempts to change the code to plain language. There was some discussion as to whether the bill had unintended consequences of no longer allowing access to the records by brokers.

Additional Items

The council will add an agenda item to the June meeting to discuss vice-chair.

Michael Howell asked if we are going to have a conference in Spokane this year; Katy reported the Director of Public Transportation Conference will host a conference this year!

Cathy Silins announced that WSDOT will be sending out a notice to the rural transportation systems within Washington State to gather a list of capital projects in the event that Congress passes a Jobs Bill to provide funding 5311 program.

Adjourned at 12:30.